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Applicant: De Jong *et al.*

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For: METHOD FOR DELIVERING NUCLEIC  
ACID MOLECULES INTO CELLS AND  
ASSESSMENT THEREOF

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned patent application,  
the entry of the amendments to the specification is respectfully requested.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the  
amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 3-8, with the following  
paragraph:

**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is related to the U.S. application Serial No. 09/815,979,  
to de Jong *et al.*, entitled "METHODS FOR DELIVERING NUCLEIC ACID  
MOLECULES INTO CELLS AND ASSESSMENT THEREOF." The subject matter  
thereof is incorporated in its entirety by reference thereto.

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